Five Year Project Is A 'Dream Come True'

By REVELLA CLAY

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Ever so rarely, in a long, long while, a group of people get together for the sake of easing someone else's burdens. They have a lot of fun, and just as much trouble. Then somehow, working together, these people manage to accomplish something that is pretty wonderful.

A success story of this kind was that unfolded to the Washington public on two occasions this week-end by the city's now famous organization of the civic-minded thirteen women, as the Baker's Dozen proudly announced that their youth center at 1509-1511 Fourth Street, N. W., is at last completed — a five-year dream miraculously come true.

In the initial announcement the Baker's Dozen held a press luncheon Saturday at the Kappa Kastle, at which time the dynamic president, Ruth Spencer, wife of Dr. A. L. Spencer, told the press the B. D. story of how the thirteen struggled for five years to build a center that would aid in combating juvenile delinquency.

SPEAKER LAUDS WORK

Judge Edith Cockrill, Judge of the city's Juvenile Court, as luncheon speaker commended the B. D's. for their concrete contribution to aiding teen-agers, and emphasized how vital is the necessity for the public at large to eliminate the "causes" which make delinquents of juveniles.

The second announcement came Sunday as the center was formally dedicated in impressive ceremonies at Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel preparatory to its open house for public inspection, which is to be held Oct. 28-29. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University was the principal speaker at the dedication, with Mrs. Lucille D. Roberts, recording sercetary of the Baker's Dozen, and Mrs. Spencer, once again telling the powerful B. D. success story.

WHAT IS THE STORY

Just what is the B. D. story? Well, it started back in 1945, when the organization of smart young women surveyed the city and found that the mid-city area's appalling living conditions —the lack of recreational facilities, the crowded and poor homes —were breeding juvenile delinqents. To combat this delinquency through a positive program, the Dozen opened a canteen for teen-agers at the Northwest Settlement House.

Soon, however. this canteen proved inadequate, as teen-agers flocked to the center. So Baker's Dozen began a campaign for funds to build an adequate center.

They staged a series of promotions, some twenty in all, to raise funds. Their promotions ranged from gigantic affairs like two Duke Ellington Watergate concerts, a massive Woody Herman-King Cole, Uline concert, to a Chinese festival, and even included "baby contests."

BUY BUILDINGS

With these funds the group purchased two old buildings on the fringe of the area they seek to help, and finally struck pay dirt when they found a civic-minded contractor, George Dixon, who remodeled the buildings into what becomes Washington's first and at present, only youth center of its kind.

Approximately 500 teen-agers, ranging in age from fourteen to eighteen years will be accommodated at this dream-come-true haven for the underprivileged, which has a spacious lounge, recreation room, a tinker room, a snack bar and work rooms, as well as other really unique features. One of these unique features will be the mental health program of the center.

Despite the tremendousness of what they have done, the Baker's Dozen indicated Saturday that they are less satisfied with the actual accomplishment, than they are with what good it is going to do for someone else.

It is perhaps this, which makes a "pretty wonderful" thing of the B. D. story.

Reviewing The News

BY WILLIAM GORDON

It may not be a wise time to talk about the lack of recreational facilities for Negro youths in Atlanta, but at least this may be a thought worth passing on the local citizens.

The fact that we don't have sufficient parks and recreation centers for our youths in Atlanta should be the concern of every taxpayer. If we are to fight crime and juvenile delinquency adequately, we must provide the necessary means for youth development here.

Slums should be cleared away and wholesome surroundings should be made available for all youngsters regardless of race.

This particular idea may be worth considering.

During the spring and summer months, certain streets in Negro neighborhoods could be roped off during the afternoon for recreational purposes. In these areas of the city where the traffic is rather slow, city officials could permit citizens to set up certain streets or two or three blocks during the afternoon where children would be allowed to play at will without the fear of being run down by vehicles. These could be so-called "off-streets" set aside for play purposes.

This idea is widely practiced in many large cities of the east where conditions prevail and recreation facilities are limited. They are certainly limited for Negro children in Atlanta.

A committee of local citizens would be doing their city and the children here a worthy favor if they would give this matter some profound thought.

The city would not have to build the streets. They are already here. Two or three hours a day would not hamper traffic or confuse activity. It would be a safeguard against accidents and hazards for the youths of this city.

Dr. J. F. Drake Appointed To Scouts Committee

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President Harry S. Truman had appointed Dr. Drake early in October to the advisory committee of the Midcentury White House Conference on Children and Youth. And he attended the first meeting of this committee in Washington, October 19 and 20.

Dr. Drake had already been named a delegate to the Midcentury conference by the Conference of Presidents of Land Grant colleges, along with Dr. C. V. Troup, president of the Ft. Valley State college.

The letter from the national office of Boy Scouts informing Dr. Drake of appointment to the interracial committee was dated November 1, and signed by Arthur A. Schuck, Chief Scouts Executive. The text of the letter is as follows: "Dear Dr. Drake:

"It gives me great pleasure to inform you officially that at the meeting of the National Executive Board, Boy Scouts of America, held on October 5, 1950, President Houghton, with the unanimous approval of the Board, appointed you as member of the Interracial Relationships Committee for the ensuing year."

The appointment of Dr. Drake to this important committee is the second high honor the Boy Scouts organization has conferred on him in recent years.

A few years ago he was recipient of the Silver Beaver on recommendation of the Negro Division, Tennessee Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

An active member of the Boy Scouts. Dr. Drake attended the Jamboree at Valley Forge last July 2-3.

DE LEON OF 20TH CENTURY:

Fountain of Youth Found in Boys' Work

By DOUGLASS HALL

SAVANNAH, Ga.—Mrs. Frank Callen, only woman boys' club director in organized boys' club work, told the AFRO here last week that she had "found the fountain of youth" in connection with her new duties.

"These boys simply will not let one grow old," she told me. "They keep you on the move all the time. They make you forget that you are not as young as you used to be. They put new life into you and you find yourself keeping young simply by trying to keep up with them."

I am very much interested iin this "Fountain of Youth" business. I have very close friends who have been searching for years for some illusive source of youth.

Every Method Offered

In fact, they have examined almost every method offered, hair dyes, wrinkle removers, all types of cosmetics designed to give the appearance of youth, exercises to give the semblance of youth and they have a library of books designed to keep the mind youthful.

My interest in this "Back To Youth" movement was anything but personal.

I figured that if I could help others find the fleeting secret, I could move to "easy street", divorce myself from the worries of this cold-war world, and perhaps get a big cash prize for my contribution to the welfare of the fairer sex.

I wanted to learn more about this "turning-young" business so I spent a whole afternoon at the Callen Boys Club, talking, observing, and snooping in general.

Everything Orderly

When I arrived, I was surprised to see everything so orderly. With several hundred boys around, I have learned that even when they are absent you still feel the impact of their presence. One never seems to get things in order.

But not in this club. If Mrs. Callen has obtained an 'entre' to youth through her contact with the boys. they have the "woman's touch" in housekeeping from her.

The club is one of the largest in the country, well-equipped and filled to the brim with activities. The boys even learn to cook.

Activity Night

It was Thursday afternoon and they were getting ready for "Activity Night" which is held in their Little Theatre building. For about three hours I enjoyed their pranks.

They had a 15-piece band which played its own particular style of music. It jumped, heckled, booed, gave out with sweets and at times led off with the boys' club song with all joining in.

One group did a good imitation of the Ink Spots, while a five-year-old boy did with a Sugar Chile Robinson selection. The band began rocking the place, and several took the stage to do latest dances.

3 Busy Hours

I found myself becoming a part of the boys world. They did not pay too much attention if you joined in, but if you did not, well, you stood out like a sore thumb.

Finally, it was all over. For three hours I had joined a new and exciting world. I played, ran, and answered childish inquires.

When it was all over, I sat down on the side of my bed, too tired to do anything. Then I wondered if the boys were as "out" as I was.

New Negro Boys Camp Is Dedicated

More than 450 persons, including high ranking police officials, civic leaders and businessmen, attended the dedication of a new $100,000 camp for Negro members of the Metropolitan Police Boys' Club at Scotland, Md., 85 miles from Washington.

Superintendent of Police Robert J. Barrett climaxed the program by turning over a huge, beribboned gold key to the camp to Pvt. Bernard Ruffin, camp director. The camp has 200 acres facing the Potomac and is a mile away from another Boys' Club camp for Negroes.

Major Barrett had praise for members of his department, for their work in raising funds for the club activities as well as for the 150,000 area residents who contributed.

Morris Cafritz, member of the Police Boys Club Board of directors, was master of ceremonies. Others who spoke included John Remon, past president of the board; Mrs. Marion Scott, president of the Federation of Parent-Teachers Associations of D. C.; Mrs. Alice Hunter, secretary, District Recreation Board, and Mrs. Portia Ware, member of the Juvenile Court Advisory Board of D. C.

The Club No. 2 Drug and Bugle Corps performed the flag raising ceremony and after a camp inspection, the youngsters and visitors at a chicken dinner.

Atlanta Educator Reports On Recent Scout Jamboree

FREDERICK D. BROWN
District Commissioner

Once more the curtain falls and another great drama officially ends. This was a drama enacted in the historic Valley Forge Park where in 1777 another drama was enacted. That drama set the pattern for our American liberty which has since that time taken on new meanings and many more implications.

With world conditions in a state of unrest, this experiment in democracy was psychologically timed to produce the correct influence upon the entire world. Many persons have not been exposed to the importance of Valley Forge in our American history. But with all the modern instruments at our command today, the glamour of this jamboree was brought to the attention of every person who did not visit Valley Forge. From the President of our country down through the rank and file of our pesonmen in public and private life, they came to Valley Forge. History was revived in oratory and pageantry throughout the jamboree. Surely the spirit of patriotism was stirred in the hearts of every person present for any scheduled event. Forty-seven thousand men and boys from every section and possession of our country as well as many foreign lands, made up the population of this tent city.

These men and boys walked, ate, slept, and worshipped God together under conditions quite ideal in comparison to Washington and his troops. One idea was uppermost in their minds, to strengthen liberty. If we are to be guided by many of our political leaders, we would think of other lands where liberty is a thing of the past. But if we are to be guided by the experiences of many in our own land, we need to strengthen liberty here in America. This can be done if the men and boys who walked together at Valley Forge will go back to Alabama, Georgia, New York, New Mexico, Oregon, and other sections, and work daily to improve conditions in their own communities. But, if they go back and continue to practice the old habits of prejudice and discrimination so pronounced in our American way of life, all the time, money, and energy spent in Valley Forge are mockeries.

From the moment I boarded the train which would carry us to the jamboree, I felt it was an honor to be selected to represent my area. Hundreds of men and boys were not given this opportunity. I felt that for once in my life I would gather with people from all walks of life on a common basis, something we rarely do in everyday life. Relaxing in my seat on the train, America began to unfold itself before my eager eyes. The view from the window was one of an ever changing pageant which made me proud to be an American citizen. I saw America in all of its wealth and power. Surely nothing could harm us I thought.

Great cities, neat villages, mighty towers, scenic mountains, colorful landscapes, hundreds of people working and playing, passed before my moving train. We passed through the great heart of industrial America, on through great mining centers. Steel mills and plants which pour out vast tonnages of steel and products for our protection and comfort were constantly passing in view. When we stopped to tour any given point, we saw the shrines which marked the beginnings of our nation and its struggles for liberty. Men and women, buildings and shrines told their stories of sacrifice and suffering so we today could enjoy freedom and liberty. Historical documents revealed the extent to which our forefathers labored to safeguard our hard won freedom. Congress was in session pondering the fate of our economy which may well be the fate of the world. From the hallowed chambers of the capitol I heard a gentleman from Florida attack a gentleman from Maine with all the force at his command. Was this I thought because they represented different sections of the country or because they represented different views of opinion?

On and on we moved through the points of interest which every American longs to visit. At last we reached Valley Forge the cradle of American liberty. To infuse and perpetuate those sacred principles of liberty, justice, and equality, no better place could have been selected to bring the youth of our nation. For if the leaders of today and still be still suffering in sight, if freedom and liberty is still alone have allowed to rule us, then dom be any longer precious and it will be the youth at Valley Forge faith in humanity be not banished who will suffer and die trying to from among you, if love of country correct. And so Americans it is still finds refuge among the hearts well to remember the words of men, take your shoes from off Henry Armitt Brown: "If heroic your feet, for the place on which deeds can consecrate a spot of you stand is holy ground." Any earth, if living persons be still sen-place in America is holy ground. sible of the example of the dead, if courage be yet a common virtue

Democracy In Action

Negro Youth Named 'Boys' State' Chief In Connecticut Vote

STORRS, Conn.—(NENS)—Three hundred and fifty high school students from various parts of Connecticut last week named a 16-year-old Negro youngster "Boy Governor" of the ninth annual Nutmeg Boys' State sponsored by the American Legion.

The youngster is Edgar F. Beckham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckham of 10 Bellevue Square, Hartford.

Beckham and John Nishimoto, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maturu W. Nishimoto of Stamford, headed two slates of state officials after a seven-day session on the campus of the University of Connecticut. Miss "Nishimoto was chosen "Girl Governor."

GOVERNOR PRESENT

Former Chief Justice William M. Maltbie installed both "officials" at an inaugural ball held in their honor at University of Connecticut's Hawley Armory and attended by 500 youngsters. Spectators at the sessions included Gov. Chester A. Bowles and Lieutenant Governor Carroll, both of whom attended the ball.

Beckham and Miss Nishimoto will represent Connecticut at Boys and Girls' Nation sessions in Washington the latter part of the month. Another Connecticut Negro youngster, Alvin Griffin, was chosen treasurer of "Boys' State."

Musical benefit to raise camp funds is scheduled

Music—the kind that has made the South famous and sung by those who sing it best—will be heard at the Municipal Auditorium tonight.

The musical program, which is being sponsored by a group of leading Negro citizens, is being presented to raise funds for the improvement of a Negro youth camp.

The camp, located on a 277-acre site nine miles from Bessemer, was established by Nurse Pauline Bray Fletcher with money she had saved and earned while nursing in many prominent Birmingham families.

Nurse Fletcher is now director of the camp which bears her name.

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EARLY THIS YEAR it was learned that the camp was much in need of new buildings and modern refrigeration facilities. A group of Negro citizens organized a committee headed by the Rev. C. D. Hayden of Ensley to raise funds for this purpose.

Tonight's program is a result of the work of this committee.

Featured will be the 75-voice choir of the Macedonia Baptist Church, Ensley. Dr. J. C. Cunningham is pastor of the church. Dr. Scurlock is president, Mrs. Ethel Smith, pianist, and Mrs. Mattie G. Butler, chorister.

The nationally known singing group, the Blind Jackson Harmoneers of New York also will be presented, as well as the widely known Ensley Jubilee Singers.

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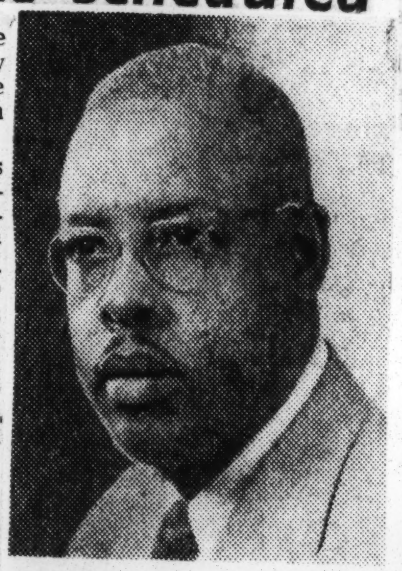
THE PROGRAM ALSO will include a talk by Dr. E. S. James, former president of Daniel Payne College here and now minister of the Washington Chapel A. M. E. Church, Tuskegee.

Tickets for the benefit have been on sale at Brock Drug Store, Temple Pharmacy, Birmingham, and Joe's Sandwich Shop, Ensley.

The boxoffice will open at 5 p.m. today and the program will start at 7:30 p.m. Prices are $1 if purchased in advance, and $1.25 at the door.



Speaker—Dr. E. S. James, who will give a short talk at the musical benefit at the Municipal Auditorium tonight.

Negro Scouters To Hold Meeting

Negro Boy Scout leaders from Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma will meet Friday and Saturday at the Good Street Baptist Church, 902 North Gold.

It will be the fourth annual meeting of Negro Scouters of Region 9, Boy Scouts of America.

T. G. Givens of Paris is general chairman of the conference.

Speakers will include A. J. Taylor of New York City, assistant director of interracial activities for the national Boy Scout organization, and Fred Maise of New York, a national health and safety official of the Scouts.

S. J. Hay of Dallas, interracial chairman for Region 9, will speak at the banquet at the church Friday night.

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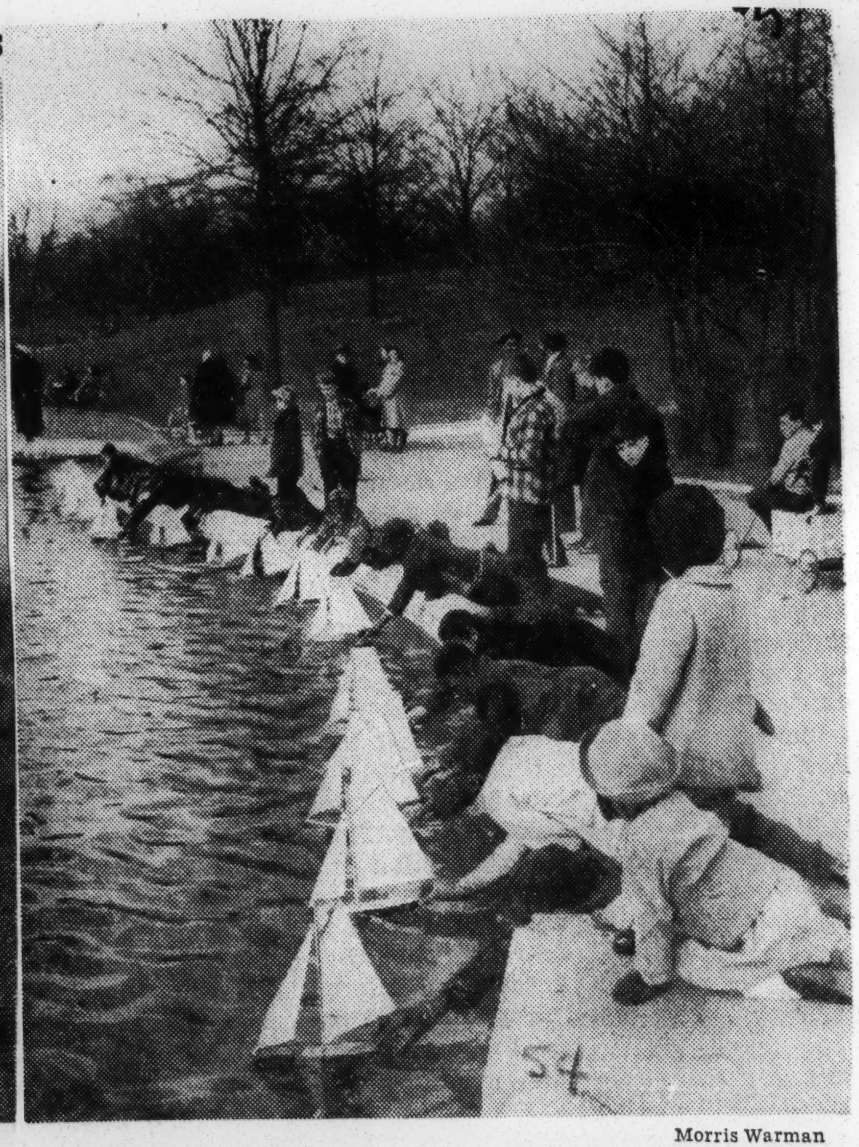
Central Park Regatta: Young Skippers Sail Toy Boats

Samuel Wilson, thirteen, of 56 West 139th Street, holding the statuette which he won yesterday as the first prize in the toy sailboat race sponsored by the Harlem Center of the Children's Aid Society at Conservatory Lake in Central Park



Morris Warman

Lining up boats they made for the start of the race vesterdav his boat was just blown back belatedly from the first race, and nevr had reached the other side.

16 Boys Race Boats They Made, Whimsical Breeze Adds to Fun

It was regatta day on a Central Park pond yesterday for sixteen young skippers who made their own toy sailboats last winter in their arts and crafts class at the Harlem Cente rof Children's Aid Society, 28 West 134th Street.

It was a deceptive orderly start as the boys lined up their boats for the race. Confusion set in with the starting whistle. The wind kept changing; the officials kept changing the rules to keep up with the wind, and the skippers, cheering like mad, paid no attention to anything except their own boats. However, when it was all over, tactful officials gave out so many honorable mentions and special awards that no one felt slighted.

According to the original plan, the entire field was to compete in a qualifying race across the pond, and the first three to reach the other side were to race back, to determine the final winner. However, a whimsical breeze split the fleet, sending half the boats on a much longer route to the far end of the pond. There were claimants for first, second and third places in both divisions, and the result was that the second race was increased to six entrants.

The enthusiastic finalists began the second race before the stragglers from the first race came in. The wind mixed them all up, increasing the field to ten, and at that point the six remaining skippers decided they might as well put their boats back in the running, too.

First prize went to Samuel Wilson, thirteen, first to fish his boat out from the original starting side, although it appeared possible that At any rate, Zell Ingram, arts and crafts director, said Samuel's boat was one of the best constructed in the class.

Mr. Ingram and Marvin N. Riley, director of the center, were the officials for the race, which was held in Conservatory Lake, near Fifth Avenue and Seventy-second Street. The boats, all of the same design, were sloops with jib, mainsail, bowsprit and keel, Mr. Ingram said.

N. Y. Scouter

Emerson D. James of Chicago and Cleveland, appointed recently to the position of assistant director of field and education service, Greater N[illegible] Councils, Boy Scouts of America. He will be principally related to interracial relationships.

Receives Boy Scout Award

MOBILE, Ala. — Veteran Scoutmaster Leonard Sims was recently awarded the Silver Beaver, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a volunteer worker through a Boy Scout Council.

Boy Scout Week which is being celebrated from February 6 to 12 has especial significance this year because this great organization is just completing 40 years of activity and service. The work done by the Scouts, particularly by the tens of thousands of adult volunteer leaders, has made a signal contribution to the development of finer ideals among our youth and the establishment of higher concepts of citizenship.

1000 Scouts at Jamboree

Integration Achieved Despite Handicaps

By W. I. GIBSON, Editor
AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—Nearly 1,000 colored Boy Scouts are among the almost 50,000 attending the second National Jamboree which marks the 40th anniversary of the organization in this country.

By the time the celebration closes on Thursday they will have been subjected to a full week of indoctrination, following the general theme to "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty."

From every section of the nation they have come to this historic site where 35 sectional camps have been pitched in an area covering 625 of the 2,033 acres in Valley Forge State Park.

Largest Gathering of Kind

They have been a part of the largest youth gathering ever to assemble anywhere in the Western Hemisphere and, despite some restrictions, have been able to learn something about the true meaning of brotherhood.

For those boys from the Northern States, the experiences here have duplicated those back home —only on a larger scale.

For those boys, both white and colored, from the Southern States there has been an awakening of the kinship existing between them despite the fact that they have been assigned to separate camp areas.

Elders Say No, Youths Say Yes

White and colored scouts from Alabama, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina can be seen chatting and playing together informally although their elders have decreed that they shall not camp together.

As water seeks its level, they have sought out for association those youngsters with a common interest, regardless of the color of their skins.

While unable to take shower baths together, as decreed by their elders, they nevertheless forget such restrictions when recreation time rolls around.

Truman Sets Stage

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This is the kind of thing that President Truman was talking about when he officially opened the jamboree last Friday night in the natural amphitheatre of the Grand Parade here under the stars.

Said the President:

"When you work and live together and exchange ideas around the campfire, you get to know what the other fellow is like. That is the first step toward settling world problems in a spirit of give and take, instead of fighting about them.

"We must make it clear to those in foreign lands that we believe in the fellowship of human beings, in the possibility of co-operative human action, and in peace based on mutual understanding.

"We must show them over and over again, that fellowship is possible between men of different nations, different colors and different creeds . . ."

Fighting And War Still?

The following day complaints were received at headquarters about the large number of Confederate flags being displayed in many of the areas occupied by white scouts from the South.

One of the colored scouts leaders found it necessary to take from one of the youngsters in his charge a large Confederate flag which he had received in a swap with a white scout from Alabama.

Replicas of Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee seen in some of the areas occupied by white scouts from Virginia gave the impression that the Civil War was being fought all over again.

The fact that such displays were made with the full knowledge and approval of scout leaders from the area came in for considerable criticism.

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JC Director From Higher-Up

One colored scout leader received the following memorandum from his sectional director:

"Please throughout the Jamboree haveall members of your troop follow the shower schedule (see Section bulletin board) and all use the leaders' showers."

The memorandum, written in ink, had the word "All" underlined twice. What it actually meant was this, no matter how innocent it appeared:

Showers for the boys were set up in units of 8 or 16 with 4 showers on the opposite side of the partition for leaders.

If at any time it became necessary, because of crowded conditions, to send some of the whites into the area, they would have access to the 8 or 16 youth showers while the colored scouts would be confined to the four leaders' showers.

Forget It, Leader Advises

There were some mild protests but nothing was done about this special memorandum because the leader to whom it was sent advised his boys to use whatever showers were available at the time they wanted to bathe.

North Carolina, Florida and Virginia had the largest representation at the Jamboree. Philadelphia did not have a half dozen representatives, and Baltimore had only five.

Scouts from New Jersey and New York, as well as from the New England area, were sprinkled all through the region to which scouts from these States were assigned.

Dr. E. B. Evans Receives Boy Scout Annual Award

DALLAS — Dr. E. B. Evans, president of Prairie View A. and M. College, was awarded the Boy Scout's Silver Antelope award by proxy through Dr. T. R. Solomon, registrar of Prairie View A. and M. college. The award is presented annually to a person who has rendered noteworthy service of exceptional character to boyhood. The recipient of this award is made by nomination of the Regional committee with approval of the National council acting through its Executive Board.

This was the first of its kind to be given to a Negro in Texas. It is the highest Boy Scout award for service in Region Nine.

Dr. Evans has been an active Scouter since 1928. He has served as Troop Committee Member, worked with Region Nine Staff, conducted Training conferences at Prairie View and is currently active in directing a Cub Pack and Scout Troop at Prairie View.

The award was made at the fourth annual meeting of Negro Scouters, of Region Nine. The award was made during the banquet closing the meeting for the year. It was presented to Dr. Solomon by A. J. Taylor, assistant director of Inter - racial activities, from New York.

After the award, the speaker of the evening, S. J. Hayes, president of the Greater National Life Reserve Insurance, was introduced by Harold Lewman of Dallas. A round of cheers led by T. B. Givens folloed the address.

Scouting Marching On Among Negroes

P. W. Echols joins the staff of the Birmingham Council Boy Scouts of America, he sia graduate of the 87th National Training School at Schiff Reservation for Professional Scout Leaders at Mendham, New Jersey. He was the only Negro attending a Class of 36. He was chosen the most outstanding member of the class, and received the highest average on personal appraisal. He served the Mobile Council, Boy Scouts of America, during which time he received National recognition for outstanding performance. He will come to Birmingham highly recommended by the Franklin St. Baptist Church, Dr. U. J. Robinson, Pastor and other Civic Fraternal and Religious groups. Judge David H. Eddington, Circuit Judge says Echols is a fine man and has done a most outstanding job in developing a most satisfactory scouting program among Negroes. Chief of Police Dudley states that P. W. Echols, Field Scout Executive of the Mobile Council of the Boy Scouts of America for the last five years, has worked with the Police Department on various occasions calling for the assistence of the Boy Scouts and we found him to be very cooperative and thorough in the understanding of his duties.

You will read a statement in the next issue of this paper from Dr. B. F. Baker who served four years as Divisional Chairman, of Birmingham Council should lead the region with the capable and willing leaders who are getting ready to put OUT in Scouting.

Silver Beaver Award Made To M. R. Austell

M. R. Austell, Chairman of the Herndon Division of the Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta Area Council, was awarded the Silver Beaver at the Divisional Annual Meeting which was held at the Big Bethel A. M. E. Church in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Beaver is the highest award any volunteer Scouter can receive from the local council.

Mr. Austell has been in Scouting for 15 years, serving as Troop Committeeman, Divisional Member, Divisional Neighborhood Commissioner Divisional Commissioner, Divisional Chairman, member of the local Scout Interracial Committee, and member of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Under his leadership the Herndon Division has made a remarkable record in Scouting. He is the fourth Negro in the City of Atlanta to receive the Silver Beaver Award since the first Troop was organized in Atlanta 18 years ago.

The Silver Beaver award was made by L. F. Gordon on behalf of the Atlanta Area Council. Mr. Gordon is a member of the local council executive committee.

He's Eagle Scout

GEORGE COUNTS JR.

Scout enthusiasts will be thrilled Saturday evening in the game room of the YWCA when Earl Miller, business man, presents 14 year-old George Counts, jr. the Eagle award which is the highest rank to be achieved by a Boy Scout.

Counts is the first Boy Scout to achieve the Eagle rank in the past eight years and is the third in the history of the Frontier Council. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Counts, 405 Northeast Fourth street, and a sophomore at Douglass high school.

Young Counts joined scouting in July 1947 and by August 1948 he was a first class scout, and since that time has received 22 merit badges in fields of special skills. Te become an Eagle scout the awardee must be proficient in swimming, first aid, life saving, personal health, cooking, camping, civics, bird study, path finding, pioneering and safety.

All cubs of Troop 274, to which the awardee belongs, will be present during the ceremonies Saturday evening. Tommie Maloy has been scoutmaster of Hroop 274 for several years.

Wins Silver Beaver

Silver Beaver award, highest award any volunteer Scouter can receive from a local Boy Scout Council, is presented M. R. Austell (right), chairman of the Herndon Division of the Boy Scouts of America, Atlanta, Ga., Area Council. Austell has been in Scouting for 15 years, serving as troop committeeman, divisional member, divisional neighborhood commissioner and divisional commissioner among other positions. Award is presented by L. F. Gordon, member of the executive board of the Atlanta Area council at annual meeting.

Federated CLUBS

BY REBECCA-STILES-TAYLOR

BIGTOWER CAMP CLOSES THIRD SUCCESS SEASON

SEVERAL nice letters have come to my desk concerning the recent "write-up" we gave Camp Pauline Bray Fletcher of Birmingham, Ala., and I have been reminded that a Chicago club woman has done a similar task right here in our midst that deserves recognition. I refer to "Bigtower camp" that has been established. maintained and operated by the late Dr. Jenkins Hightower and his widow. Mrs. Annie Hightower.

MRS. TAYLOR

During the years Dr. Hightower (native of Georgia) and his wife—a registered nurse, practiced in Chicago, they learned first-hand factual conditions that existed among the poor of Chicago—conditions that gave birth to sickness, death, vice and crime.

They saw, doctored and nursed neglected, poverty-stricken children in crowded, unhealthy, pest-ridden homes in alleys and back streets of Chicago where God's bright sunshine, green grass, wild flowers and decent supervision were denied. There are no parks in ghettoes. They saw, they pondered and they acted. Then a camp was born.

THE CAMP

Today at Covert, Michigan, on an 80-acre track of land. in the heart of Michigan fruit belt, 120 miles from Chicago, just off highway 31, on county road 703—you will find "BIGTOWER CAMP," which the Hightowers established June 1948. It has six buildings—two barracks for boys and two for girls; an administration building with its living room, dining room, kitchen, store room. hospital ward and other conveniences: there s an indoor bath house and outloor showers; vegetable gardens, ruit orchards of peaches, pears, rapes, apples and an abundance f berries of several kinds; cows. hickens, hogs.

All of the meat used this past mmer was raised and cured at e camp, and electric lights flood e houses and grounds, especially e green, velvet lawn which retches to the road. The camp n accommodate around 40 chilen at one time. The past sumer was its most successful year d plans are in the making for provements for the next year.

RS. HIGHTOWER

Mrs. Hightower, founder and dictor, is the mother of four chilen—three boys and a little girl. he is the health chairman of the TA's in 24 public schools of East Council, District One. She is an ctive church (Olivet), civic and community worker and is prominent in the Women's Auxiliary to Cook County Medical Association, the Chicago and Northern District Association, the Margaret Hayes Education club and almost every community effort of note.

The Rebecca Stiles Taylor Civic and Education Club is sponsoring a banquet honoring Mrs. Hightower, Tuesday, October 24th, at the CNDA Headquarters, 4441 Drexel boulevard for the purpose of raising funds for "BIGTOWER." The public is invited.

Reservations can be made with Mrs. Mildred Bryant of 501 East Browning avenue (club president) or Mrs. Beatrice Howard of 6803 Langley avenue (past president and founder).

The Margaret Hayes Education club paid camp dues for twenty children this past summer. Mrs. Hightower hopes that other organizations that handle children between 6 and 12 years of age will cooperate with this timely and much-needed recreation center and help to make it whatever it is needed to be. Mrs. Hightower can be reached at 416 Oakwood boulevard.

Federated CLUBS

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PAULINE BRAY FLETCHER REALIZES HER DREAM

PAULINE BRAY FLETCHER, sister of the late Bishop James E. Bray of the CME Church, native of Georgia and registered nurse, who served as public health nurse in Birmingham, Ala., 24 years ago, saw the dire need of health and recreational facilities for Negro children.

She was so impressed that she gave up her lucrative practice as a nurse (against the advice of relatives and friends), which paid her even then at least $100 a week, to head up a movement for a camp for Negro children, that is now the pride of all Alabama—colored and white.

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Mrs. Fletcher knew early the value of group movement and strength in unity for she first contacted and interested her local nurses association and the federated club women of Birmingham and surrounding towns. These two groups have stood loyally by her throughout the years. Leading men and women of both races, the city, county (Jefferson), and the entire community have cooperated, to the extent that Camp Pauline Bray Fletcher now owns 277 acres of land, six buildings, three artesian wells, hot and cold water in the kitchen, butane gas for cooking, electricity and Big Shade Creek for wimming. Everything is free of debt. The camp is twelve miles outheast of Bessemer, a mining own in Shades Valley. It will now ccommodate 125 children at one me and is used by every civic cial, fraternal, educational and urch group in the state. It also ccommodates other states than abama.

nt Becomes Interested

On Sunday, September 3, 1950 s. Fletcher realized the crowning point of her quarter-of-a-ntury dream, when the Negro mployees of Stockham Valves d Fitting Company dedicated e sixth building on the camp ounds. It is a huge log cabin ith sixteen corners and contains 0 logs hewn from the camp propty. It will be used as an administration building with quarters or Mrs. Fletcher, the founder and director.

At the dedication ceremony, Guy Harrison, secretary of the Stockham Negro YMCA, told how the company provided the funds for the sixth structure. He told how some 50 employees came to the camp on their days off to hew the 250 logs and build the massive cabin. Mr. Harrison said, "I don't know why I am here. This is your project. You undertook it. You carried it out to completion. This building is a monument to all of you who lifted a hand to make ponents. We're entered in th league with Frances Princeotti Wilda Tillmans and Mary Howard The latter teaches at Fremont hig school while the former are stai members at Carver junior high.

Incidentally, we can't leave thi realm and the sports world withou admitting that while we were sor ry to see Joe leave the fight gam in the manner he chose to go, w were still proud an exhilarate over the sportsmanlike speec Charles made at the end. The rac may have lost a champion bu there's no doubt that we also gain ed one.

Photographer Lucie Bond ha joined the WAC and is enroute t Camp Lee, Va., for basic trainin Heartell that Virginia Moulden ha also requested active duty onc again and is presently awaitin assignment at her parent's home i Florida. Arlayne Hall and Elesti Shackelford busy themselves or structure in the name of the children who are to benefit from it."

The camp is sponsored by the "Girls Service League, Inc.," and is named for the founder and director. "Camp Pauline Bray Fletcher," whose address is Route 3, Box 347D, Bessemer, Ala.

Mississippi Federation C.W.C. Meets In Clarksdale

Mrs. G. W. Williams of Oakley Training School of Oakley, Miss., who is the president of the Mississippi State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, announces that the annual meeting of the federation will be held in Clarksdale, Miss., October 26 and 27, when reports from the National Association's biennial meeting will be heard. Mrs. Williams is expecting to meet face to face representatives of the many clubs of the state and to learn of their local work. She says, "There never was a more urgent time for women to come together and plan their work than NOW."

Funds needed—

Summer camp for Negro girls in need of repairs

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Camp Pauline Bray Fletcher, Summer camp for Negro girls, is badly in need of some new buildings and improvements.

The camp, which was founded in 1926 by Nurse Fletcher, who is now director, is a Red Feather service of the Community Chest. The camp is sponsored by the Girl's Service League, Inc., Birmingham.

But to make the needed improvements—such as the construction of new building and the installation deep freezers and refrigerators—it is necessary to raise some money.

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HEARING OF this, Negro ministers and business men, headed by the Rev. C. D. Hayden of Nichols Temple, A. M. E. Church, Ensley formed a committee to raise the money.

The committee decided to hold a benefit show at the Municipal Auditorium in Birmingham at 7 p.m. Aug. 20.

The show will include Negro quartet singing and choruses, featuring the Macendonia Baptist Church choir.

Featured on the program will be Dr. E. S. James minister at Washington Chapel, A. M. E., Tuskegee.

Tickets for the benefit show may be obtained at Brock's Drug Store and Temple Pharmacy in Birmingham.

Carver Boys Club Sponsoring Summer Carnivals Here

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The Carver Boys Club is sponsoring a series of carnivals during the Summer months. These carnivals will rotate from various sections of the city on vacant lots and the proceeds will go to aid the work of the Boys Club among colored boys. The Carnivals will close down at the end of the Summer months.

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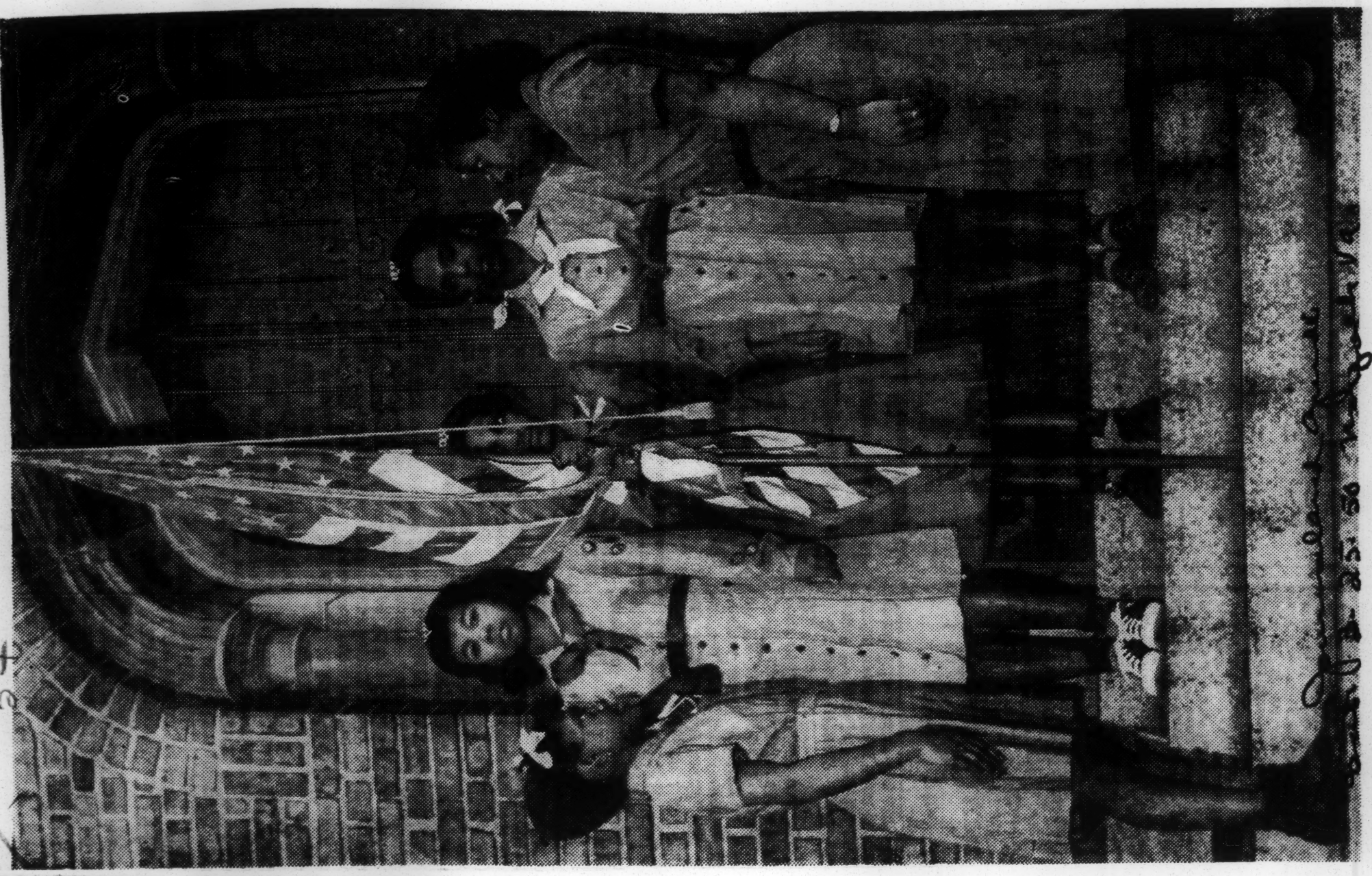

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Roughing It on City Hall Plaza With Fancy Hotdogs

City Council President Vincent Impellitteri, representing the Mayor, serving Camp Fire Girl Jean Hansen at the camp set up yesterday on City Hall Plaza to open National Camping Week. In back row are Priscilla Altman (left) and Roberta Brown; kneeling at fire are Alice Axelband (left) and Marilyn Klauber. The camp is fully equipped for cooking ,washing and sleeping

Impellitteri Opens City Camping Week

Presides at Ceremony in City Hall Plaza

City Council President Vincent R. Impellitteri formally opened National Camping Week in a brief ceremony held in City Hall Plaza yesterday. A detachment of seven Camp Fire Girls erected a camp site at the plaza with complete facilities for cooking, washing, eating and sleeping.

Two girls demonstrated to the Council President the manner of frying over an outdoor fire a Camp Fire Girls "special," a split frankfurter filled with cheese and wrapped with a strip of bacon.

National Camping Week is indorsed by the American Camping Association.

Law Goes To Washington

W. W. Law will leave on Friday to attend the National Young Adult Council Convention being held in Washington, D. C., this week. The YAC is a young peoples' coordinating group under the auspices of the National Social Welfare Assembly. Law is one of the four persons representing the NAACP Youth Division.

He will also attend a meeting of the NAACP Board of Directors in New York before returning to the city. The board normally meets on the second Monday in each month, but in that February 13, is being observed as a holiday, the meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14. This will be his first meeting since being elected to the Board on January 3.